

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 927 - SB 901

February 14, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes, for certain students attending a learning loss bridge camp in an effort to be promoted to the fourth grade, the requirement to demonstrate adequate growth on the student's performance on the post-test administered at the end of the learning loss bridge camp. Requires a student, who is promoted to the fourth grade after attending the learning loss bridge camp with a 90 percent attendance rate, to show adequate growth on the fourth grade English language arts (ELA) portion of the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) test, before the student may be promoted to the fifth grade.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The current third grade retention law takes effect at the end of the 2022-23 school year and requires a student in the third grade to not be promoted to the next grade level unless the student is determined to be proficient in ELA based on the student's achieving a performance level rating of "on track" or "mastered" on the ELA portion of the student's most recent Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) test.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-3115(a)(2)(A)(iv), a student who is not proficient in ELA as determined by the student's achieving a performance level rating of "approaching" on the ELA portion of the TCAP test, may be promoted if the student attends a learning loss bridge camp, maintains 90 percent attendance, and demonstrates adequate growth on the post-test.
- The proposed legislation will no longer require such students to demonstrate adequate growth on a post-test following completion of the learning loss bridge camp. However, adequate growth must be demonstrated before the student may be promoted to the fifth grade.
- DOE will be required to update retention guidance documents and communicate with districts on the changes to retention law.
- DOE and LEAs will be able to comply with the proposed legislation within existing resources. Any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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